

1453

Sultan of Ottoman Empire MEHMET II  
took Constantinople with 100,000  
troops vs 10,000 defenders

Constantine XI died fighting long  
side his men.

Sultan MEHMET II rode his horse  
to Hagia Sophia - proclaimed the  
cathedral a mosque.

May 29, 1453

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(1404-1453) CONSTANTINE XIII, PALAEOLOGUS

last of the Byzantine emperors and last of the  
PALAEOLOGI. The son of Manuel II, though  
an intelligent and capable ruler, his position  
was hopeless. MOHAMMED II was preparing  
for the final assault on Constantinople and  
Constantine's appeal to Christendom was  
unavailing. After a long siege the  
city was captured May 29, 1453.  
Constantine was slain in the battle

around the gate of the City. Mohommad II  
gave his body fitting burial

With Turkish Conquest of Constantinople the Hagia Sophia became a mosque.

In subsequent years all its interior figure mosaics were obscured under coatings of plaster and painted ornament.

Most of the Christian symbols elsewhere were obliterated.

The 4 minarets were added one at a time later and the Coscarid supplanted

the cross on the summit

All interior surfaces are sheathed  
with polychrome marbles & gold mosaic  
most of the magnificent figure mosaics  
have been cleaned & restored to view. (It  
is now a museum)

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## PATRIARCHATE of Jerusalem

Established in the administration of the Church, the see of Jerusalem became a patriarchate in 451 by declaration of the Council of CHALCEDON.

It was led into schism in 1453 partly because of political ill-feeling and continued resentment dating back to the time when Constantinople was given importance and recognition in the 5th

and 6th centuries. It remains a unit of  
the Orthodox Eastern Church with its  
patriarch in authority

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The Byzantine Capital, Constantinople fell to Sultan MEHMET II (1451-1481) and by this achievement - a long-standing Moslem ambition - he became one of the greatest Moslem potentates of his day.



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French  
English spelled from French.

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London streets were paved.

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The East

Conquest of CONSTANTINOPLE  
by MOHAMMED II

The Roman Eastern (Byzantine)  
empire was destroyed.

MAY 29 1453

After heroic resistance,  
Constantinople fell before  
MOHAMMED II and CONSTANTINE  
XI DRAGASES (~1449-1453)  
the last of the Byzantine emperors,  
died fighting valiantly on the  
walls of the City.

MAY 29, 1453

Constantinople fell (modern Istanbul)

1453AD

FALL of the Eastern Roman Empire

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1481)

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Siege and capture of CONSTANTINOPLE  
by the TURKS, ending the  
Eastern Empire!



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Germany

Austria is made a  
hereditary duchy by  
Emperor Frederick III

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Siege of Constantinople by the Turks  
An early example of gunpowder  
artillery causing a fortress  
to fall.

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End of the HUNDRED YEARS WAR

May 29 1453

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Christianity's eastern bulwark  
for 1000 yrs. Fell to the MUSLIMS  
Constantinople (modern Istanbul)

Ottoman Turks captured Constantinople  
It passed its culture and its religion  
on to the Balkan people and to Russia.

"Two Romes have fallen; a Russian  
monk said 'but the third is standing  
and there shall be no fourth.' He  
was speaking of Moscow which  
later emerged as heir to the Byzantine  
inheritance."

1453 AD

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the Turks

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The Middle Ages nominally ended  
with the fall of the Byzantine Empire  
in 1453.